

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: T. ONO, et al.

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Title: SAMPLE SURFACE PROCESSING METHOD

Group AU: 1765

Examiner: Lan Vinh

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**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 4, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2006, the period for response having been extended for one (1) month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS; and

REMARKS are included following the amendments.